

[Rollcall Vote No. 307 Legislative]

YEAS—58

Baldwin	Heinrich	Reed
Bennet	Hickenlooper	Rosen
Blumenthal	Hirono	Rubio
Booker	Hyde-Smith	Sanders
Brown	Kaine	Schatz
Burr	Kelly	Schumer
Cantwell	King	Shaheen
Capito	Klobuchar	Sinema
Cardin	Leahy	Smith
Carper	Lujan	Stabenow
Casey	Manchin	Thune
Collins	Markey	Van Hollen
Coons	McConnell	Warner
Cortez Masto	Menendez	Warnock
Cramer	Merkley	Warren
Duckworth	Murphy	Whitehouse
Durbin	Murray	Wicker
Feinstein	Ossoff	Wyden
Gillibrand	Padilla	
Hassan	Peters	

NAYS—39

Barrasso	Hagerty	Risch
Blackburn	Hawley	Romney
Boozman	Hoeven	Rounds
Braun	Johnson	Sasse
Cassidy	Kennedy	Scott (FL)
Cornyn	Lankford	Scott (SC)
Cotton	Lee	Shelby
Crapo	Lummis	Sullivan
Cruz	Marshall	Tester
Daines	Moran	Tillis
Ernst	Murkowski	Toomey
Fischer	Paul	Tuberville
Grassley	Portman	Young

NOT VOTING—3

Blunt	Graham	Inhofe
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The amendment (No. 2570) was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. WARNOCK). The majority leader.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, before I close, I have some brief remarks.

First, on the bill that just passed, let me thank my colleagues for passing this very important bill.

It stems from the fact that, in 2018, 20 lives were lost in a tragic limousine accident in Schoharie, NY. The families came from the small city of Amsterdam, the people. They had done just the right thing. It is a group that went out. They knew they might be enjoying themselves, and so they hired a big, long stretch limo. Unfortunately, as the limo came down the hill in Schoharie, it crashed, and 20 people died.

I met the families. These were young people in the prime of life. I met one mom. She lost four daughters—four daughters—in this crash. This community of Amsterdam and these families have endured endless tragedy.

But instead of cursing the darkness, they have lit a candle, and they are pushing for the fact that there is a hole in regulation. We regulate trucks, and we regulate smaller limos, but when it is a large limo, and they are not sure what it is classified as, then there is virtually no regulation. This legislation fills that hole. The accident was preventable.

There was another accident on Long Island—four young women in the prime of life killed in the same way. That was preventable.

Now Congress finally has the opportunity to address the gaps and loopholes that have allowed limousines to escape the basic safety standards that cover other vehicles.

My amendment—and that with Senator GILLIBRAND—would ensure that limousines meet minimum safety standards. It mandates seatbelts and seat safety standards, and it will save lives. So I thank my colleagues for supporting this amendment.

It is a beautiful thing what these families are doing. The hole in their heart will never go away. The hole in the heart of the whole city of Amsterdam, which lost so many of their vital young men and women, will never go away. But instead of cursing the darkness, they are lighting the candle, and, tonight, the candle was lit thanks to the bipartisan cooperation we have here. So I thank my colleagues.

H.R. 3684

Mr. President, now on the matter of today, the Senate is making really good progress, really good progress. As you know, I had promised, when we opened up our two-track process, that we would be fully bipartisan in the amendment process as we move forward on the bipartisan infrastructure bill. Well, I think no one can deny that we have kept our word here in the Democratic majority.

So far, the Senate has considered 22 amendments on this bipartisan piece of legislation, 15 of them today. That is more amendments than probably happened in many months when we were in the minority. Of those amendments, 12 have been agreed to—5 by voice vote, 7 by rollcall; 10 were not agreed to; 13 of those 22 amendments—more than half—were sponsored by Republicans. So, clearly, we have shown a willingness to allow Members who are not part of the bipartisan group to have input into this important bill.

Tomorrow, we will continue to consider amendments, and then, hopefully, we can bring this bill to a close in the very near future.

So the Chamber is working as Members on both sides of the aisle have wanted it to. I am proud of what we have been able to do today and hope we can continue tomorrow in that vein.

MORNING BUSINESS

TRIBUTE TO BILL CAMERON

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, August 20 will be the end of an era in Chicago as WLS 890 AM political reporter Bill Cameron puts his microphone down after a 51-year career on the radio. Bill is the “Dean” of Chicago political reporters, joining the city hall beat in 1970 and covering all the major stories in Chicago since that time. The announcement of his pending retirement brought praise for Bill’s legendary career, with one colleague calling him a “walking encyclopedia of political knowledge.”

When asked by a fellow reporter how he had survived his first 50 years in the industry, Bill said he took inspiration in advice from Chicago Cubs legend Ernie Banks: “Find something you love

to do and stick with it.” Stick with it; he certainly did. Bill earned the admiration of his peers for his ability to elicit honest answers from his interview subjects. Bill always finds a way to cut to the heart of an issue and deliver insightful reports for his listeners.

Bill and I are both natives of East St. Louis, IL, though we never met until my Senate election and his Chicago beat brought us together. Bill’s father Fred was a successful high school football coach, winning more than 100 games for the storied East St. Louis Flyers. Instead of following his father’s footsteps into football, Bill chose broadcast journalism, earning a bachelor’s degree at Indiana University. And we are all the better for it.

Bill started as a news writer for NBC 5 in Chicago in 1969 but left TV for good the next year, signing on at the former WMAQ 670 AM. He was there until the station switched to an all-sports format in 2000, making the jump to WLS. Bill’s legendary career includes two Edward R. Murrow Awards, a Peabody Award, and countless other accolades. In addition to his day-to-day duties covering the city hall beat for WLS, Bill is the host of the station’s weekly public affairs show, “Connected to Chicago.”

Bill has covered numerous mayors, Governors—and even U.S. Senators—in his career. He has been there for election nights, policy press conferences, breaking news, and jury verdicts. He has seen it all in 50-plus years of broadcasting. So what does he want to see now in retirement? Bill says it is time to go see more National Parks.

Well, Bill, I hope you enjoy all the beauty that our National Parks have to offer you in retirement. I will miss your questions at press conferences and our lively discussions about the issues of the day on “Connected to Chicago.”

You certainly found something you loved and stuck with it, and you did it with class.

Enjoy your retirement.

AMENDMENT NO. 2478

Mr. LEE. Mr. President, if there had been a recorded vote on amendment No. 2478 to amendment No. 2137 to H.R. 3684, “To require the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce to promote and administer programs in the public and private sectors to assist the development of minority business enterprises and to ensure that such Agency has the necessary supporting resources, particularly during economic downturns,” I would have voted nay.

ARMS SALES NOTIFICATION

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. President, section 36(b) of the Arms Export Control Act requires that Congress receive prior notification of certain proposed arms sales as defined by that statute. Upon such notification, the Congress